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A detailed report of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period 16-30 December 1951 follows.

1. Pol Dasht

18 December

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, seven tank cars, eight boxcars, three gondolas of timber, nine gondolas carrying automobiles, two gondolas carrying tractors, two gondolas of poles, two gondolas of coal, ten gondolas carrying pipes; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 12 tank cars, 16 passenger cars, 28 boxcars, 50 empty gondolas, two gondolas of sand, and two gondolas of boxes; one train at night.

19 December

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, two tank cars, 4 boxcars, one gondola carrying a tank, two gondolas of coal, one gondola carrying one crane, and 20 gondolas with unknown contents; five trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, five tank cars, and 41 gondolas with unknown contents; two trains at night.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, one tank car, 32 boxcars, seven gondolas of firewood, one gondola carrying automobiles, two gondolas of barbed wire, two gondolas of coal, and ten gondolas with unknown contents; one train at night.

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Pol. Dasht cont'd

- Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzghulfa: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars and 50 boxcars; one train at night.
- 20 December Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Four trains composed of 22 tank cars, 35 boxcars, 23 gondolas of poles, ten gondolas of cases, and four gondolas of coal.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of four tank cars, 16 passenger cars, 45 boxcars, and five gondolas; one train at night.
- Westbound rail traffic, Dzghulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of one passenger car, 37 boxcars, ten gondolas of firewood, one gondola of iron rods, one gondola of coal; one train at night.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzghulfa: Two trains composed of 11 passenger cars and three boxcars; one train at night.
- 21 December Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Four trains composed of one tank car, 16 passenger cars, 53 boxcars, eight gondolas of poles, four gondolas of coal, and five gondolas of timber; one train at night.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 16 tank cars, 16 passenger cars, 48 boxcars, six gondolas of boxes, one gondola of stone; two trains at night.
- Westbound rail traffic, Dzghulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 37 boxcars, four gondolas of wood, one gondola of iron rods, and four gondolas of coal; one train at night.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzghulfa: Two trains composed of 38 boxcars; one locomotive; one train at night.
- 22 December Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Three trains composed of seven tank cars, 16 passenger cars, 27 boxcars, four gondolas of poles, one gondola carrying automobiles, two gondolas of coal.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of six tank cars, 16 passenger cars, 15 boxcars, and two gondolas of cases; one train at night.
- Westbound rail traffic, Dzghulfa to Nakhichevan: One train composed of 14 passenger cars; one train at night.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzghulfa: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars and 25 boxcars; one train at night.
- 23 December Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: One train composed of one tank car, 16 passenger cars, 39 boxcars, two gondolas of poles, two gondolas of coal, two gondolas of cases, and three empty gondolas.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: One train composed of 16 passenger cars, five tank cars, and 20 boxcars; two trains at night.
- Westbound rail traffic, Dzghulfa to Nakhichevan: One train composed of 14 passenger cars; one train at night.

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Pol Dasht cont'd

- Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 13 passenger cars; one train at night.
- 24 December Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Four trains composed of 16 passenger cars, two tank cars, 64 boxcars, 24 gondolas of poles, three gondolas carrying automobiles, and two gondolas of timber.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: One train composed of 15 passenger cars; two trains at night.
- 25 December Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Four trains composed of four tank cars, 16 passenger cars, 48 boxcars, 18 gondolas of poles, one gondola carrying one tractor, two gondolas of coal, two gondolas carrying automobiles, one gondola carrying a gun, and four empty gondolas.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Four trains composed of three tank cars, 17 passenger cars, and 58 boxcars; two trains at night.
- Four Soviet planes flew over Shah Takhti and went eastward towards Nakhichevan.
- 26 December Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Two trains composed of two tank cars, 15 boxcars, six empty gondolas, two gondolas of timber, two gondolas of poles; two trains at night.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: One train composed of ten passenger cars; three trains at night.
- Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: One train composed of 12 passenger cars; one train at night.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 12 passenger cars and 14 boxcars; one train at night.
- 27 December Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Five trains composed of 24 tank cars, 16 passenger cars, 42 boxcars, 16 gondolas of poles, one gondola of timber, 12 gondolas of coal, and one gondola carrying nine antiaircraft machine guns.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 16 passenger cars, 37 boxcars, and one gondola of boxes; three trains at night.
- Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 23 boxcars, 24 gondolas of firewood, 30 gondolas of boxes, 23 gondolas of coal, two gondolas carrying two antiaircraft machine guns, and two gondolas of iron; one train at night.
- Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 13 passenger cars; two trains at night.
- 28 December Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Five trains composed of eight tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 60 boxcars, 29 gondolas of poles, 11 gondolas of coal, one gondola carrying one tractor, four gondolas of boxes, two gondolas of timber, and one gondola carrying automobiles.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Five trains composed of five tank cars, 30 passenger cars, 60 boxcars, two gondolas carrying automobiles, one gondola of iron, 24 gondolas of coal, two gondolas of boxes, one gondola of bricks, one gondola of iron, 27 gondolas with unknown contents; one train at night.

29 December Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Four trains composed of eight tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 57 boxcars, four gondolas of boxes, 17 gondolas of poles, seven gondolas of timber, four gondolas carrying antiaircraft machine guns, and one gondola carrying one tank.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of four tank cars, 17 passenger cars, 29 boxcars, three gondolas of bricks, and one gondola carrying one car; two trains at night.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 16 passenger cars, five tank cars, 38 boxcars, and 12 gondolas; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars and four boxcars; one train at night.

2. Dzhulfa

17 December Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Twenty-two jeeps, 121 soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Forty-four trucks, four jeeps, three automobiles, and 149 soldiers.

Fourteen soldiers held target practice with two mortar guns (sic) and one machine gun in front of Dzhulfa.

18 December Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, ten tank cars, 16 boxcars, and five empty gondolas; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: One train composed of 25 boxcars and five gondolas of wood; one train at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Seventeen trucks, five automobiles, 105 soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Twenty-eight trucks, three automobiles, 129 soldiers.

19 December Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Twenty-one trucks, five automobiles, four jeeps, 118 soldiers and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Twenty-nine trucks, three automobiles, five jeeps, 113 soldiers.

Fifty soldiers held target practice north of Dzhulfa.

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Dzhulfa cont'd

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 27 tank cars, 35 boxcars, one gondola carrying two electric motors, and one gondola carrying one catapult; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 11 tank cars, three boxcars, 17 empty gondolas, and two gondolas carrying white-colored cases 1½ meters long and one meter wide; three trains at night.

20 December Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 29 boxcars, and eight gondolas of wood and lumber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: One train at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Thirty-eight trucks, four automobiles, 95 soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Three trucks, 88 soldiers.

Lights were out all night in Dzhulfa.

21 December Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Four trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 43 boxcars, 13 gondolas of lumber, and one empty gondola; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Three trains at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Twenty-five trucks, four automobiles, three jeeps; 121 officers, soldiers, and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Twenty-nine trucks, five automobiles, two jeeps, 140 soldiers and civilians; vehicle headlights were turned off.

22 December Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Ten trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 13 boxcars, two tank cars, and 11 gondolas; two trains at night.¹

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: One train composed of nine boxcars, three passenger cars, one empty gondola, and three tank cars; one train at night.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Twenty-one trucks, one automobile, two jeeps, 121 soldiers and civilians.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Twenty-eight trucks, four automobiles, two jeeps, 125 soldiers.

23 December Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Five trains composed of 29 passenger cars, one boxcar, one tank car, and 22 gondolas carrying wood, lumber, and one catapult.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: One train composed of eight tank cars and 11 boxcars; two trains at night.

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Dzhulfa cont'd

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Twenty-one trucks, three automobiles, two jeeps.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Thirty trucks, five automobiles, four jeeps, 104 civilians.

24 December

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 39 boxcars, and six gondolas of wood and lumber; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: One train composed of two tank cars and ten boxcars; three trains at night.

Westbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Nineteen trucks, three automobiles, 87 soldiers and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Twenty-nine trucks, 108 soldiers.

Location not given: Forty soldiers performed close order drill.

25 December

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Five trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 26 tank cars, and six gondolas carrying six trucks and one catapult; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, nine tank cars, 69 boxcars, and two gondolas carrying six engines; two trains at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Sixty-five trucks, three automobiles, 90 soldiers and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Seventy-five trucks, five jeeps.

Location not given (probably Nakhichevan): Seventy-five soldiers held target practice with bazookas, rifles, and machine guns.

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Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Yerevan: Locomotive without cars.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Dzhulfa: Locomotive returned with one tank car.

27 December

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Two trains composed of four tank cars, 89 boxcars, and one gondola of wood.

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Dzhulfa cont'd

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Twenty-two trucks, two jeeps, two automobiles, 108 soldiers and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Thirty-nine trucks, three automobiles, 121 soldiers and civilians.

Four hundred soldiers held target practice north of Dzhulfa.

Reinforcement of the Dzhulfa garrison has been obvious since 23 December. Six hundred soldiers have been engaged in military drill around Dzhulfa.

28 December

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Five trains (two were exchange) composed of 14 passenger cars, 12 tank cars, 24 boxcars, and eight gondolas of wood; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Five trains (two were exchange) composed of 14 passenger cars, two tank cars, 13 boxcars, and two gondolas carrying two trucks; two trains at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Twenty-one trucks, five cars, two jeeps, 96 soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Twenty-two trucks, three cars, six jeeps, 109 soldiers.

Two hundred soldiers held target practice north of Dzhulfa.

29 December

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Three trains composed of 29 passenger cars, 11 boxcars, and three gondolas; one train at night.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 28 passenger cars; two trains at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Twenty-seven trucks, 18 jeeps, three cars, 136 soldiers and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: Fifteen trucks, two jeeps, four cars, 86 soldiers and civilians.

Sixty soldiers held combat maneuvers north of Dzhulfa, advancing under protection of smoke screen (smoke-producing shells).

3. Sia Rud

18 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 15 passenger cars; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, eight tank cars, 12 boxcars, 74 empty gondolas.

21 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 14 tank cars, 27 boxcars, 17 gondolas of timber, two gondolas of pipes, two gondolas of coal, two gondolas carrying automobiles, and five empty gondolas; two trains at night.

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Sia Rud cont'd

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 15 passenger cars; one train at night.

22 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, two tank cars, 13 boxcars, 27 gondolas carrying timber and poles, six gondolas carrying automobiles, one gondola of coal, two gondolas of timber, two gondolas of iron, and three empty gondolas; three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, five tank cars, 46 boxcars, one gondola of coal, two gondolas of dirt, and 19 empty gondolas; two trains at night.

23 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, ten boxcars, and 19 gondolas carrying poles, lumber, and one tractor; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, seven tank cars, two boxcars, and ten empty gondolas; two trains at night.

24 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 43 boxcars, and one gondola carrying one crane; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 19 tank cars, four boxcars, five gondolas carrying stones, and seven empty gondolas; three trains at night.

25 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 12 boxcars, and seven gondolas of poles and timber; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, three tank cars, and ten boxcars; two trains at night.

26 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, one tank car, 11 boxcars, 11 gondolas of timber, one gondola of iron, one gondola of coal, and one gondola carrying one automobile; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, one tank car, 26 boxcars, three gondolas of stone, five gondolas carrying cases of matches, and one empty gondola; two trains at night.

27 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 15 passenger cars; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, four tank cars, 85 boxcars, and eight gondolas of timber and poles; one train at night.

28 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 12 tank cars, 24 boxcars, one gondola carrying one automobile, five gondolas of timber, and two gondolas of coal; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, three tank cars, 11 boxcars, two gondolas of dirt, two empty gondolas; two trains at night.

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Sia Rud cont'd

29 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of ten passenger cars; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, ten boxcars, and four gondolas; one train at night.

30 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 14 boxcars, and 31 gondolas carrying poles, lumber, and coal; four trains at night.

4. Khuda Afarin

18 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of eight boxcars, 14 gondolas of iron, seven gondolas carrying scrap automobiles, and 14 passenger cars; six trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 14 passenger cars; two trains at night.

19 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 17 tank cars, eight boxcars, and 20 gondolas carrying 20 automobiles, iron tools, wood, and poles.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

22 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Five trains composed of 14 passenger cars, six tank cars, 64 boxcars, and 62 gondolas carrying wood and coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

23 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, seven boxcars, and ten gondolas of wood.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 26 boxcars, 15 gondolas carrying automobiles, and four gondolas of boxes.

24 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Five trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 11 tank cars, 43 boxcars, 16 gondolas of poles, wood, and coal, one gondola carrying one crane, and eight empty gondolas.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

25 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 28 tank cars, 54 boxcars, 12 gondolas of wooden boxes, and 30 empty gondolas.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 14 passenger cars.

26 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 49 boxcars, two tank cars, and 28 gondolas carrying wood and six busses.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 21 flatcars, 29 boxcars, 12 tank cars, and one gondola carrying a wrecked airplane.

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Khuda Afarin cont'd

27 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, two tank cars, 28 boxcars, and 26 gondolas of wood and coal; four trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 14 passenger cars; three trains at night.

28 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 14 passenger cars; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 15 tank cars, and 78 boxcars; two trains at night.

29 December Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars and 22 tank cars; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 15 passenger cars; three trains at night.

5. Namin

26 December Kalaputi to Bashari: Two horses loaded with boxes of ammunition.

6. Astara

18 December Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Three trucks, four carts, 19 soldiers, 20 civilians, two jeeps, one ambulance, four officers, four soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Five trucks, 30 soldiers; three jeeps, five officers, and two women; two officers and 58 soldiers on foot carrying construction tools.

Twenty-eight soldiers and one officer held close order drill on the seashore.

Fifty-five soldiers dug trenches in front of the Haidar Mahalleh border post.

1900-2400
hours

One searchlight was turned towards the sea.

22 December

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Four trucks carrying flour and large and small cases; 21 soldiers and civilians on foot; two jeeps and one automobile carrying four officers and three women; one tractor.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Three trucks carrying 12 soldiers and firewood; one ambulance; one jeep and one automobile carrying several officers.

A ship was observed on the horizon off Astara.

Thirty soldiers and one officer held close order drill at Astara.

1900-2100
hours

One searchlight was turned on.

23 December

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: One company of soldiers from the border command garrison; two automobiles with

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Astara cont'd

two civilians; 45 soldiers on foot; one jeep with two civilians; one automobile with one man and one woman; one ambulance; two automobiles with four civilians; one jeep with one officer and one woman.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: One truck with six civilians; one ambulance with ten soldiers; one company of soldiers.

1900-2100
hours

One searchlight was turned on.

25 December

Two large ships were observed on the horizon off Astara.

Thirty-two unarmed soldiers and one officer held communication operational experiments at Astara.

Thirty unarmed soldiers stood inspection inside the garrison at Astara.

1900-2100
hours

One searchlight was turned towards the sea.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: One truck carrying two soldiers and firewood; 28 soldiers and one officer.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Two trucks with seven nurses; one jeep with two officers; one truck of straw.

Five officers inspected the concrete trenches built along the Astara Chay river.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Six trucks loaded with flour and wooden boxes.

Qapchi Mahalleh to Astara: Two trucks carrying foodstuffs, straw, and boxes; one truck of armed soldiers; one jeep with one officer.

26 December

A ship was observed on the horizon off Astara.

27 December

Ten soldiers held target practice with mortar guns (sic) at Lenkoran.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Five trucks carrying 35 soldiers, 20 civilians, straw, flour, bags; two jeeps with three officers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Four trucks carrying 12 soldiers, 18 women, firewood, and timber; one automobile; one jeep with two officers and two women.

Construction work on the dike near Astara continues.

1800-2000
hours

One searchlight was turned on.

Road traffic, Mohammad Mahalleh to Qapchi Mahalleh: Twenty-four armed soldiers and one sergeant.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Three trucks of flour; 24 civilians; two jeeps with four officers.

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Astara cont'd

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Two trucks; six carts carrying firewood and wood; one jeep with one officer.

28 December Two ships were seen on the horizon off Astara.

A company of soldiers were singing together at Astara.

Thirteen soldiers held target practice with two heavy machine guns at Astara.

Thirty-two soldiers, four sergeants, and two officers equipped with means of communication practiced sending and receiving messages at Astara.

2015-2300
hours

One searchlight at Astara played on the surrounding area.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Three trucks carrying straw and flour; 20 soldiers; one ambulance; two jeeps; two automobiles with two officers; six civilians.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two trucks carrying a number of male and female soldiers; two jeeps with several officers; one ambulance; one automobile; two women.

Westbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Lenkoran (sic): Twenty-seven soldiers and two sergeants carrying pickaxes and shovels.

29 December Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Five trucks carrying telephone poles; 26 soldiers; one jeep with two officers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Three trucks carrying 20 soldiers.

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A warship was seen on the horizon off Astara but disappeared after a few moments.

Twelve soldiers held target practice with machine guns outside the garrison compound at Astara.

Ten soldiers practiced with two 81 mm mortar guns (sic) inside the garrison compound at Astara. Two companies of soldiers were observed inside the garrison area.

1800-2000
hours

One searchlight was turned on the sea.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Four trucks; 21 soldiers; 30 men, women, and children; one jeep with two officers; four carts loaded with foodstuffs.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Three trucks carrying firewood and 24 armed soldiers.

7. Lutfabad

16 December

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: Two trains composed of 22 passenger cars and 34 boxcars; three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: Three trains composed of 22 passenger cars and 22 tank cars; four trains at night.

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Lutfabad cont'd

17 December Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 88 boxcars, 57 tank cars; three trains at night.

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: Two trains at night.

20 December Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: Three trains composed of 91 tank cars and 28 passenger cars; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: Four trains composed of 26 passenger cars, 58 tank cars, and 100 boxcars; two trains at night.

21 December Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: Four trains composed of 18 passenger cars, 38 tank cars, and 100 boxcars; three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: Four trains composed of 120 passenger cars; four trains at night.

22 December Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: Four trains composed of ten passenger cars, 45 tank cars, and 30 boxcars; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: Two trains composed of 25 passenger cars and 40 boxcars; two trains at night.

24 December Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: Five trains composed of 34 passenger cars, 55 boxcars, and 25 tank cars; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: Two trains composed of 16 passenger cars and 34 tank cars; two trains at night.

26 December Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: Two trains composed of 16 passenger cars and 39 tank cars; five trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: Four trains composed of 16 passenger cars, 82 boxcars, and 41 tank cars; four trains at night.

29 December Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars and 117 boxcars; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: Three trains composed of 15 boxcars, 120 empty gondolas, and 28 tank cars; two trains at night.

8. Weekly Summary:

Pol Dasht	57 trains
Dzhulfa	52 trains
Sia Rud	60 trains
Khuda Afarin	40 trains

Three hundred two trucks, 27 cars, 45 jeeps, 1,424 soldiers, have been observed between Ordubad and Nakhichevan (both directions).

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Weekly Summary cont'd

From Dzhulfa into Iran: Six exchange trains imported 879,016 kilos of granulated sugar; 120 tons of sugar.

From Iran to Dzhulfa: 49,647 kilos of shelled almonds.

Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 84 trains (both directions)²

- 25X1 1. ☐ Comment: On the original notes the first part of this sentence read nine passenger trains composed of 15 cars, and one freight train. We believe this is a misprint, as it has been traditionally two passenger trains composed of 14 or 15 cars.

- 25X1 2. ☐ Comment: For the most part, ammunition and explosives are transported from Kaakhka to Ashkhabad.

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